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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PANMUNJON INCIDENT

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1. GOU OFFICIALS HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THEY MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH THE ROK AND ARE STAUNCH ANTI-COMMUNISTS. THUS, WE BELIEVE THEIR ATTITUDE WAS RELECTED IN EDITORIAL COMMENT OF EL PAIS, A PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, WHICH TERMED A NOTH KOREAN CHARGE THAT HUNDREDS OF ARMED MEN HAD BEEN SENT FROM THE SOUTH INTO THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WITHOUT NOTICE AS "TYPICALLY COMMUNISTIC". EL PAIS OBSERVED THAT THE NOTIFICATION POLICY ONLY APPLIED TO HE SURFACE OF THE ZONE, SINCE NORTH KOREANS DID NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO GIVE NOTICE WHEN IT BUILT TUNNELS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVADING THE SOUTH WHICH WAS SOMETHING MUCH GRAVER THAN GUARDING A FEW PEOPLE CUTTING A TREE.

2. APART FROM THE ONE EDITORIAL COMMENT, THE PRESS LIMITED ITSELF TO WIRESERVICE MATERIAL GIVING WIDE, FACTUAL COVERAGE TO THE ATTACK, AS WELL AS TO THE SUBSEQUENT MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC MOVES. LITTLE SPACE WAS GIVEN TO THE NORTH KOREAN VERSION.
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